



Dear Parishioners

“It is necessary that in light of the faith all rediscover the true meaning of the Parish, that is, the place where the very “Mystery” of the church is present and at work, even if at times it is lacking persons and means, even if at other times, it might be scattered over vast territories or almost not to be found in crowded and chaotic modern sections of cities. The Parish is not principally a structure, a territory or a building, but rather, the family of God, a fellowship afire with unifying spirit, a familial and welcoming home, the community of the faithful. Plainly and simply, the Parish is founded on a theological reality, because it is a Eucharistic community. This means that the Parish is a community properly suited for celebrating the Eucharist, the living source for its up building and the Sacramental bond of its being in full communion with the whole Church (par 26)”. It is a quote taken from the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope St. John Paul II (Christifideles Laici).

The Parish priest is called to assume the responsibility of ensuring the proclamation of the word of God. I feel blessed to work with you to achieve the proclamation of the word of God and the celebration of the Eucharist. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners in general and in particular the Parish staff, members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, the Liturgy Committee and many other people who are involved in Liturgy, the Musicians, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion, Sacristans, Readers, Baptism Teams, Sacramental Coordinators, Hospitality, Church Care, IT Developers and Operators, Scripture Teachers, Children Liturgy, Pastoral Care, Play Group, The Garden Club, The Young Parents Groups. Social Committee. The Family Groups, Family Ministry, the Youth Ministry, St. Vincent De Paul Society and the School Community, for your whole hearted support. Each of you has been invaluable in your presence, talents, time participation and knowledge in assisting me with the proper up keeping of the Parish. As we have began our preparations for the important event in the Church in Australia, the Plenary 2020, an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops Commission, let us continue to focus on the central question: What is God asking us in Glenbrook? Let us continue our discernment together as a Parish Community. Let us grow together as a true Eucharistic Community, working together, praying together and rejoicing together for what we are. May we have a heart of gratitude. In gratitude and love let us continue our preparations for the Plenary as well as for the reinvigoration of our Parish. Let us continue to grow in our personal prayer and our relationship with the Lord. I wish you all a Joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year together with the Parish Staff and every other Parishioner.

May god bless you and your families.

Father Jolly Chacko

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Vigil Mass at 7.00pm. Readings for the Vigil

Midnight Mass. Readings for the night.

Monday morning (Christmas Day) 8.30am only. Readings of the Day.

WELCOME all visitors to our church today. We extend our greetings to you. If you wish to join St Finbar's Parish, please make yourself known to one of our Wardens so we can give you our Parish Welcome Pack.

Our Parish lies within the Traditional Country of the Darug people– The Aboriginal Custodians of our area .



ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

DURING JANUARY AND EARLY FEBRUARY, Fr Jolly will be in India for his annual holidays so we welcome Fr Robert Anderson for our weekend Masses. Please note that all **weekday Masses are cancelled during Fr Jolly's absence** with exception of the 26th January Australia Day Mass which will be celebrated at 9.00am.

WEEK DAY MASSES. Will return to normal times from Monday the 18th February 2019

MUSIC AT MASS DURING JANUARY: There won't be any music at Masses during January, with the exception of Sunday 7th January (The Epiphany) and Australia Day Friday 26th January 2019.

THE PIETY STALL will be closed until the 31st January 2019. Any enquires please call Noreen on 4739 8882.

BULLETIN DURING JANUARY: We will have a Bulletin each week during January.



Epiphany Pilgrimage – save the dates! Once again, the parishes of the Blue Mountains Deanery will host the Epiphany Pilgrimage from 2 – 8 January 2019. We can welcome the pilgrims to our beautiful mountains by:

- Journeying with them for a day or more of walking along the route (visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org for track information and to register)
- Joining them for one or more evenings at the parishes of the Deanery for prayer, catechesis, Adoration and dinner.
- Welcoming them in a particular way when they visit our parish from 2 – 3 January
- Joining them for Mass with Bishop Vincent at the Chapel of the Magi in Bell on 8 January

To help out with the celebrations at St Finbar's, contact Matt and Lucie Twyford on 0402669153.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ron Aussel, Sarah Hurley (Dianne Pizarro's Mum), Bev Palmer, Maureen Streater (Vince Dobson's Sister), Shirley Glover, William (Bill) Waters and Patricia Flynn.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Elizabeth Ramsay, Sally Phoebus, Chris Paine, Mark Bates, Ryder Lopez, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Mary & Robert Keith, Josephine Teece, Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Jacqui Visser, Elise Doyle, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Little Majella and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Shirley Tregillgas, Madeleine Oxley, Alice Nolan, Violet Clements, Kathleen Macbeth, Colleen Pedersen, Joy Serne', Allen Klein, Lucy Barrett, Alice Quinn, John Simon, Colin Sell, Arthur Adamson, Richard Cranbrook, Phil O'Danaghoe and Kathleen Thomas.

MASS TIMES AT LOCAL PARISHES

EMU PLAINS

MONDAY @ 9.00AM
NO TUESDAY MASS
WEDNESDAY @ 9.00AM
THURSDAY @ 9.00AM
FRIDAY @ 9.00AM
SATURDAY @ 9.00AM

SPRINGWOOD

MONDAY @ 9.30AM
TUESDAY @ 9.30AM
WEDNESDAY @ 9.30AM
THURSDAY @ 9.30AM
FRIDAY @ 9.30AM
SATURDAY @ 9.30AM

PENRITH

MONDAY @ 9.30AM
TUESDAY @ 6.45 AM & 9.30AM
WEDNESDAY @ 9.30AM & 7PM
THURSDAY @ 9.30AM
FRIDAY @ 6.45AM & 12.10PM
SATURDAY @ 9.00AM

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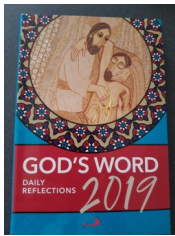
"To have, to love, and then to part is the..."

...saddest journey of the human heart"

LEURA MEMORIAL GARDENS FUNERALS

ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

2019 God's Word Daily reflection \$17



It has the daily readings and reflection plus a selection of Prayers.
Available now at the Piety Stall along with other beautiful Christmas gifts for sale. For inquiries please contact Noreen on 47398882.

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL ROLE. The parish Liturgy Committee invites all children to attend the 7pm Christmas Mass (Christmas Eve) and to come dressed up as an angel or a shepherd.



The Parish of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in the Upper Blue Mountains will be celebrating two special Masses: Sunday, **20 January Santo Niño Holy Mass and celebration** according to the Filipino tradition (English language). The Mass will take place at St Canice's church in Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome. And Sunday, **10 of February Holy Mass in Spanish.** The Mass will take place at St Canice's church in Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

NOTICE

**There will be no SUNDAY, 6 JANUARY 2019 edition of The Catholic Weekly.
The first edition for January 2019 will be the Sunday 13, January 2019.**

NEW ROSTERS FOR 2019.

We are in urgent need of assistance for the ministries of Warden, Sacristan, Reader and Minister of Holy Communion for some 2019 Sunday Masses specially the 7.30am Mass. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office on 4739 8928 or email secretary@stfinbars.org.au. Training will be provided. Thank you.

Monday 24th December 	9.00am Mass 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R 7.00pm Christmas Vigil 12.00pm Christmas Midnight	Tuesday 25th December <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	8.30am Christmas Day Mass 
Wednesday 26th December <i>St. Stephen</i>	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Bridge	Thursday 27th December <i>St. John</i>	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge
Friday 28th December <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	9.00am Mass + Benediction 11.30am Cantabile Choir Practice 1.00pm Bowlers	Saturday 29th December	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 30th December <i>The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass	Monday 31st December	9.00am Mass

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ROSTER FOR 29TH & 30TH DECEMBER 2018

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McMahon	Rodney Moffitt	Ruth Gott
Senior Server	Patrick McLoughlin	Carl Moll	Ruth Gott
Junior Server	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please
Warden	Vince Dobson & Allan Jones	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Nora Cordoba		Erika McNay
1 st Reading	Duane Parslow	Maura Williams	Steve Newton
2 nd Reading	Katy Ferris	Geraldine Lohan	Avril Llewellyn
Intercession	Gerard Egan	John De Mattia	Martin Rogers
I.T Operator	Yvonne Etherington	Elizabeth Konza	Pat Watson
Musician			Cantablie
Presentation of the Gifts	Parishioners are	Invited to offer to	Bring up the gifts
Minister of Communion	Vince Dobson Noreen Taylor Lorraine Brown Allan Jones	Terry Madden Rodney Moffitt Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	Leesa Gillard Mila Svehla Elizabeth or Greg Rowe Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	School holidays		
Cashier	Ann Keating, Pat Bell & Robyn Flynn		
Hospitality	Julie Fehon, Anne Hobbs, Martin & Lyndel Rogers		
Church Care			
Piety Stall at 9.30am Mass	Closed		
Garden Club	Lukas Rajnoch, Andrew Howard, Stuart Sheary & Daniel Lynch		

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